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SUBJECT: Caro's Press reports Arab Foreign Ministers have agreed agenda for Heads of State. gives details of agenda and other recommendations for discussion.

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JIG (Cyprus).

My telegram No. 688: Second Arab Summit Conference.

Today's Cairo Press reports that the Arab Foreign Ministers, having met from August 31 - September 3, had agreed on the following agenda for the Kings and Heads of State.

- (1) The exploitation of the sources of the Jordan in Arab territory.
- (2) Military affairs, and the United Arab Command.
- (3) The Palestine entity.
- (4) Material and moral support for the Yemeni Arab Republic.
- (5) The Arab South i.e. the occupied South and Oman.
- (6) The Arab Foreign Minister's tours and the attitude of Foreign Governments towards the Palestine question.

2. The Press also reports that, with this agenda, the Arab Foreign Ministers are submitting fourteen recommendations on the subjects discussed at their meetings, but are leaving the certain political and military subjects for discussion by the Heads of State, including General Ali Ali Amer's report, the programme for the diversion of Jordan waters, and the budget of the Palestine entity.

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3. No statement was made following the meetings either of the follow-up Committee or of the Technical Executive Authority for the Jordan waters project. But "Gumhuriya" has reported that the Authority's chief expert has recommended a project in three stages: the first, comprising the urgent work, to obstruct the Israel scheme; the second, to prepare Arab land for cultivation; the third, to construct a dam at Makhiba, in Jordan, costing \$60 million (£40 for irrigation and £20 million for electricity).

4. Most heads of delegations are expected to arrive today, and "Ahram" forecasts a full programme of meetings between individual Heads of State today and tomorrow.

5. The summit conference is now expected to end on September 8.

Foreign Office please pass Rabat, Washington and JIG (Cyprus) as my telegrams 8, 99 and 7 respectively.

[Repeated to Rabat and Saving to Washington. Copy sent to D.C.C. M.O.D. for repetition to JIG(Cyprus)].

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